

## REMARKS

This Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is submitted to present the above amendments, and is further responsive in any other manner indicated below.

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The specification has been amended at the information submitted on page 1 in the Preliminary Amendment filed 19 November 2003 to update the cross-reference identification of related applications, as well as to correct minor informalities and idiomatic English in the original description. No new matter is added.

## PENDING CLAIMS

Unrelated to any cited art, scope or rejection in any prior application, new Claims 6-19 are presented herein to adjust a clarity and/or focus of Applicant's claimed invention. That is, new Claims 2-19 are simply clarified claims in which Applicant is presently interested. For example, the application now contains three parallel sets of claims, *i.e.*, Claims 2-7 are directed to method embodiments; apparatus Claims 8-13 substantially parallel method Claims 2-7, respectively; and system Claims 14-19 also substantially parallel method Claims 2-7, respectively.

Upon entry of this paper, Claims 2-19 will be pending for consideration and examination in the present application.

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### **EXAMINER INVITED TO TELEPHONE**

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the local D.C. area number 703-312-6600, to discuss an Examiner's Amendment or other suggested action for accelerating prosecution and moving the present application to allowance.

### **CONCLUSION**

This Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is being filed prior to the mailing of an Action on the merits in this case, and is therefore timely, so no Petition or fee is possible or required. Moreover, the additional claims presented herein total less than 20, which include a total of 3 independent claims, so no additional filing/claim fees

are required. Please charge any actual required fees for entry of this paper to  
ATS&K Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (referencing Case No. 500.38056CC3).

Respectfully submitted,



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